

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1006
By Burchett

A RESOLUTION commending Thomas C. Galligan, Jr., for his years of service as Dean of the University of Tennessee College of Law.

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Thomas C. Galligan, Jr., Dean of the University of Tennessee College of Law, is one such estimable person who demonstrates the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; Dean Galligan has served the legal profession and the State of Tennessee as Dean of the College of Law since August of 1998; and

WHEREAS, Dean Galligan has held the Elvin E. Overton Distinguished Professorship since 2002; and

WHEREAS, Dean Galligan's love of teaching and of the law have benefited both the University of Tennessee and numerous classes of young lawyers; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership and guidance, the University of Tennessee College of Law has significantly expanded its long-standing commitment to public service, particularly to the disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, Dean Galligan has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to providing institutional support to College of Law students who are interested in pro bono and public interest work; and

WHEREAS, Dean Galligan has vigorously supported members of the College of Law faculty in their research and writing; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee Legal Clinic has benefited from Dean Galligan's leadership and advocacy with one-third to one-half of all students in each graduating class participating; and

WHEREAS, his advocacy has produced sterling results, such as the University recently funding a new community-based legal clinical program to serve at-risk children in east Knoxville and the creation of a special education advocacy support center, the CAN-LEARN project; and

WHEREAS, Dean Galligan has been a dedicated champion for equal access to the justice system for all Tennesseans, regardless of race, age, or ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, he has led by example, supporting the UT Pro Bono Project, a student-directed, volunteer community service organization at the UT College of Law. Dean Galligan regularly accompanies students participating in the Homeless Legal Assistance Project on their monthly visits to homeless shelters to provide legal assistance; and

WHEREAS, for the past four years he has tirelessly served as a board member of the statewide Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services (TALS), has stood as chair of the TALS Strategic Planning Committee; and has helped to secure the funding needed to conduct the Tennessee Statewide Legal Needs Survey for 2003; and

WHEREAS, Dean Galligan has served as a board member of Legal Aid of East Tennessee and as Chair of their Strategic Planning Committee since 1999; and

WHEREAS, he is the 2006 recipient of the Knoxville Bar Association Law & Liberty Award; and

WHEREAS, Dean Galligan is a widely published legal scholar, authoring or co-authoring twelve books, more than twenty-five articles, and numerous presentations and lectures; and

WHEREAS, Dean Galligan has been selected as the eighth President of Colby-Sawyer College in New London, New Hampshire, and is departing the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Thomas C. Galligan, Jr., is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service, education, and equal access to justice under law and firmly embodies the spirit of all great Tennesseans, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Dean Thomas C. Galligan, Jr., for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee, congratulate him on his selection as the eighth President of Colby-Sawyer College, and salute his admirable service to the state of Tennessee and commitment to justice and to the law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.